

REMARKS

Claims 1- 58 were originally filed in the parent application Ser. No. 09/247,340.

In a preliminary amendment, claims 1-58 were canceled and new claims 59-68 were added.

In the present document, claim 64 has been amended to correct a typographical error. No new matter has been added by the amendments. Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner's rejections are addressed in substantially the same order as in the referenced office action.

REMARKS**Double patenting rejection**

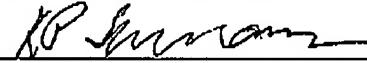
Claims 59-68 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting over claims 1-12 of US Patent 6,637,524. A terminal disclaimer is being filed concurrently with this document to overcome the rejection.

Claim objections

The Examiner has objected to a typographic error in claim 64. Claim 64 has been amended to address this objection.

The application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees for these amendments to **Deposit Account 02-0429 (414-12829C3)**.

Respectfully submitted,



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